

Chief, Mediterranean Bureau

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Persian Recruitment

1. Attached are copies of correspondence with Colonel W. T. Sexton, former Military Attache Teheran, and Colonel F. W. Drury, his successor. Suggest that you write to Colonel Drury if you do not hear from him within a reasonable period.

2. Qualifications and availability will be investigated from here.

L. K. WHITE

Attachment

Ltr of 7 Feb to Col. Sexton

Ltr of 31 Mar to Col. Drury

Ltr of 24 Mar 1949 to Col. Sexton

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FOREIGN BROADCAST INFORMATION SERVICE
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Colonel Frederick W. Drury
Military Attache
American Embassy
Teheran, Iran

Dear Colonel Drury:

I have consulted Colonel W. T. Sexton, your predecessor in Teheran, about procurement of Persian linguists for the new Foreign Broadcast Information Service monitoring station on Cyprus. Although only two or three Persian monitors are required, recruitment in this language has produced particularly poor returns.

The prospective monitor must have good oral Persian and English and a good educational background and should be young enough to learn monitoring techniques and typing rapidly. A two-year contract is offered after probation, with reimbursement for transportation of employee and family to and from place of employment. Compensation begins at 495 Cypriot pounds (\$1996.08) per annum, but may be set as high as 604 Cypriot pounds (\$2434.12) for experienced monitors. Annual increments and dependency allowances are also provided.

Colonel Sexton has suggested [redacted] of your office for such a position. I should very much appreciate information as to his qualifications and availability, as well as any suggestion of other possible candidates of whom you may learn. It will expedite completion of the Cyprus linguist staff if you will be so good as to write direct to

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Sincerely,

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Colonel, USA (Ret)

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